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REMARKS

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1. On 26 August 1950 truck [redacted] from the Funker Kaserne. Cottbus (N 52/A 57), and tank trucks [redacted] from the Sachsenorff Kaserne were seen taking fuel from rail-road tank cars standing at the Cottbus airfield. Tank trucks [redacted] from the Sachsenorff Kaserne were again hauling fuel on 10 September 1950, shuttling between the barracks installation and the airfield from early morning until the afternoon. (1)
2. A high unit headquarters with about 40 officers was located in the two houses on Luebbenerstrasse opposite the Funker Kaserne. (2)
3. All women telephone operators of the Cottbus post office were recalled from vacations on 13 September 1950. (3)

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[redacted] Potsdam-Eiche [redacted] now troops in the strength of about one battalion arrived there at the beginning of September 1950. They estimated the troops at 700 to 800 men, apparently recruits, who had received infantry training in Golmer Buch (moorland at Gola). The unit moved into the barracks area north of the Potsdam-Eiche road. A soldier apparently belonging to the unit reported to the SOG office to settle ration supply matters. [redacted] (4)

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] The stockpiling of fuel in the barracks installations may be indicative of an early return of the units.
- (2) The Hq 9th Mecz Div which is located in Potsdam is believed to be in the Hermann Loens Kaserne rather than in buildings opposite the Funker Kaserne.
- (3) A circular of the Soviet Zone Ministry of Traffic decreed a general cancellation of leaves and the recall of all vacationists on 8 September 1950.
- (4) There have been no indications that a unit moved into the Potsdam-Eiche barracks installation [redacted]

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